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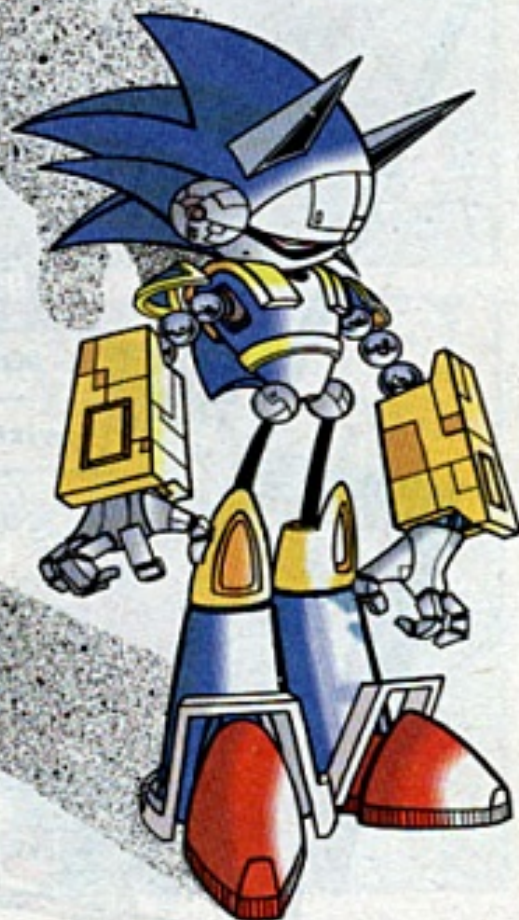
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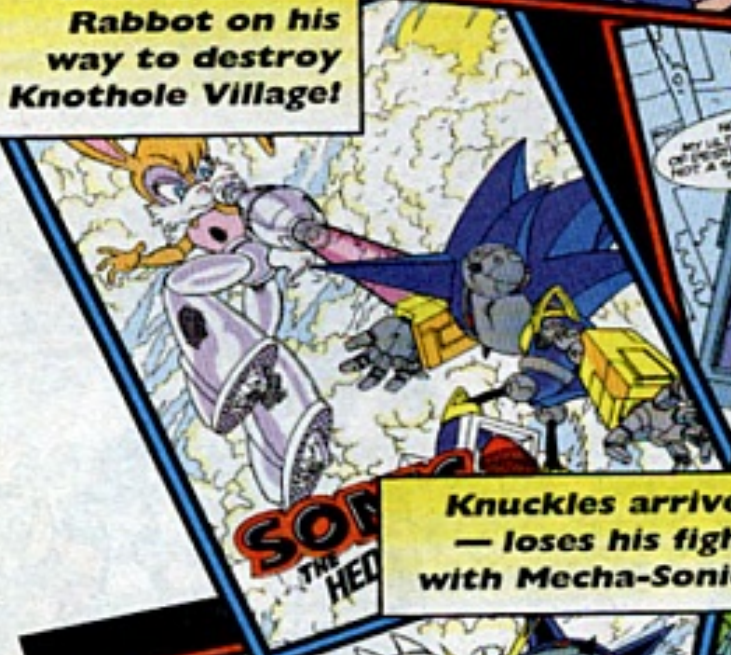


Sonic's request to allow himself to be roboticized is rejected by the Knothole Council.



Sonic is ambushed by escaped convict, Nack the Weasel, and taken to Robotropolis.

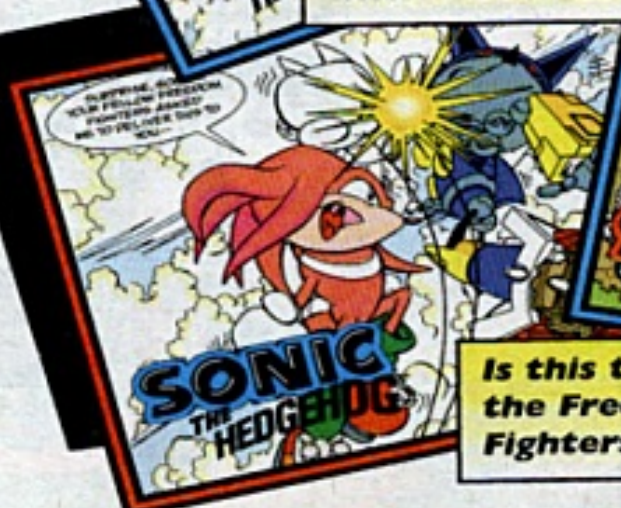
Mecha-Sonic battles Bunnie Rabbit on his way to destroy Knothole Village!



Robotnik finally creates the "real" Mecha-Sonic.



Knuckles arrives — loses his fight with Mecha-Sonic.



Is this the end of the Freedom Fighters?

*Describing events in Sonic #39
-Freddy

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

IS ABOUT TO TRASH
KNOTHOLE!

MECHA MADNESS

PART 1

WULP-Y-YES
YOUR M-MAJESTY!
CATCH, 'TWAN!

ALORS!
SHE EES
SERIOUS!

YOU HAVE
YOUR ORDERS,
MISTER!

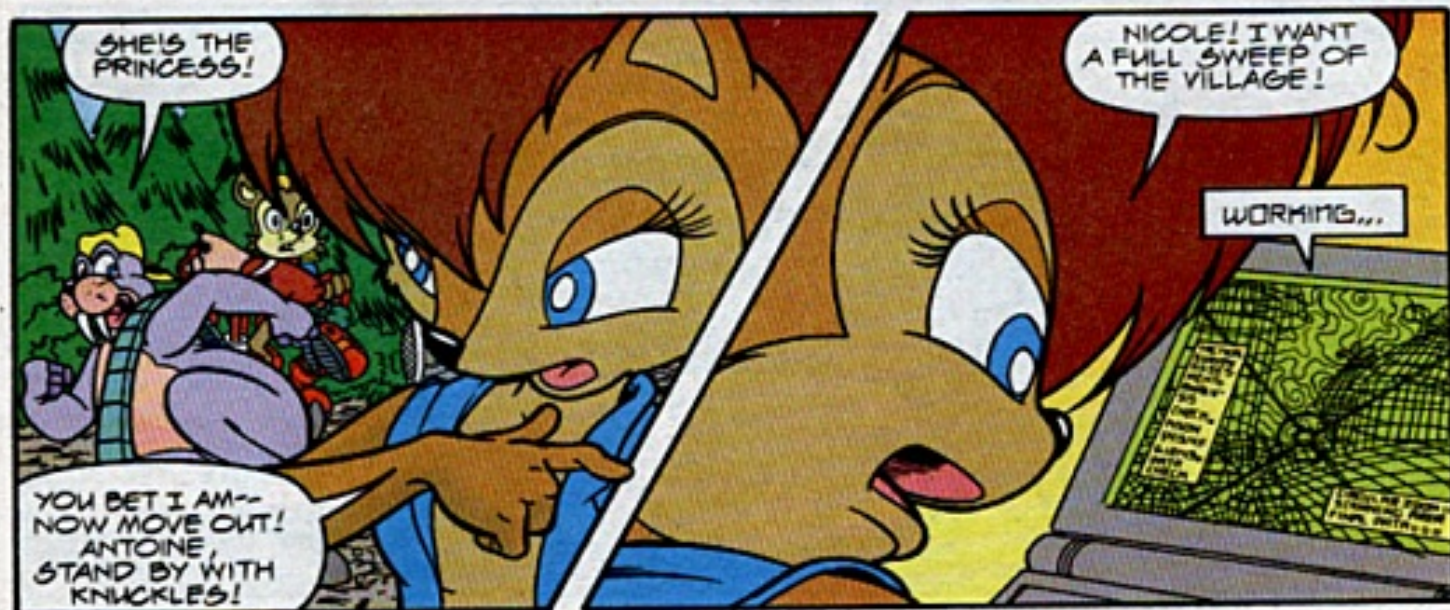



SHE IS THE
PRINCESS!

NICOLE! I WANT
A FULL SWEEP OF
THE VILLAGE!

WORKING...

YOU BET I AM--
NOW MOVE OUT!
ANTOINE,
STAND BY WITH
KNUCKLES!





AS YOU COMMANDED,
KNOTHOLE HAS BEEN
EVACUATED!

MECHA-SONIC IS
INFLECTING HEAVY
DAMAGE, BUT IT'S
ALL STRUCTURAL.

* SALLY GAVE TAILS THE
CODED ORDER IN SONIC#39
--Freddy

SKRA-
TOOM

I CAN'T BELIEVE
HE DISOBEYED A
DIRECT ORDER! SONIC'S
BEHAVIOR BORDERS
ON MUTINY!

I WEEEL BE
HAPPY TO FORM
A SUB-COMMITTEE
AND START AN
INVESTIGATION!

DELAY THAT, BUSTER!
I'M GIVING THE ORDERS
HERE! ROTOR, BRING ME
THE 'BOTMAKER!

Shudder:

YES'M!

GIMME THE
SKINNY--IS THIS
THING READY
TO GO?

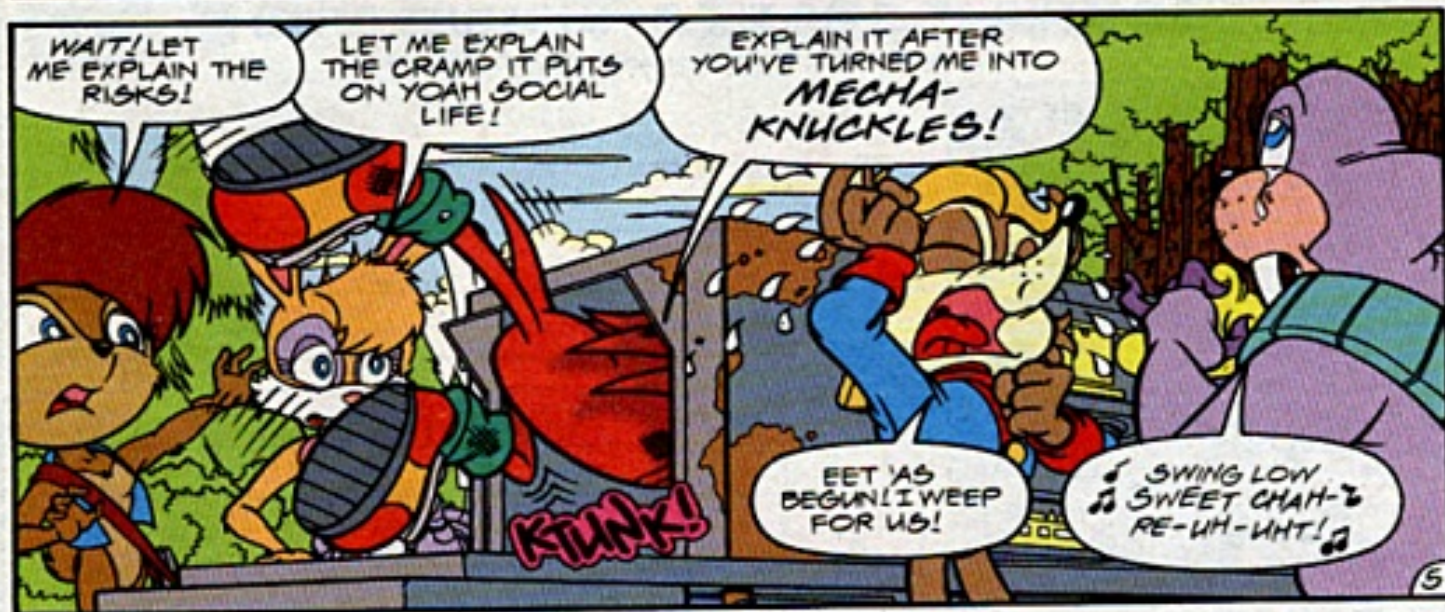
AS YOU KNOW, WE
ACQUIRED THIS "PORT-
O-BOT" FROM ROBOTNIK
AFTER OUR FIRST BUNNIE
RABBOT ENCOUNTER...

ALTHOUGH IT WAS
DAMAGED, I'VE BEEN
REPAIRING IT AS YOU
ORDERED... I THINK
IT'S OPERATIONAL!

YOU THEENK?
'AVE THEES THING
BEEN TESTED?







SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

IS OBLITERATING KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!

MECHA MAGNESS

PART 51

CRASH

IT'S A GOOD THING I HAD THE PLACE EVACUATED! THERE'S NO ONE HERE ...EXCEPT...

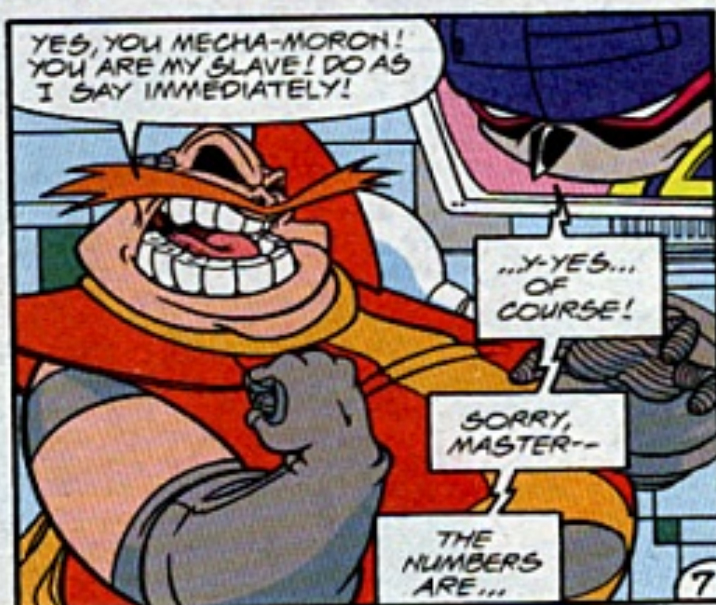
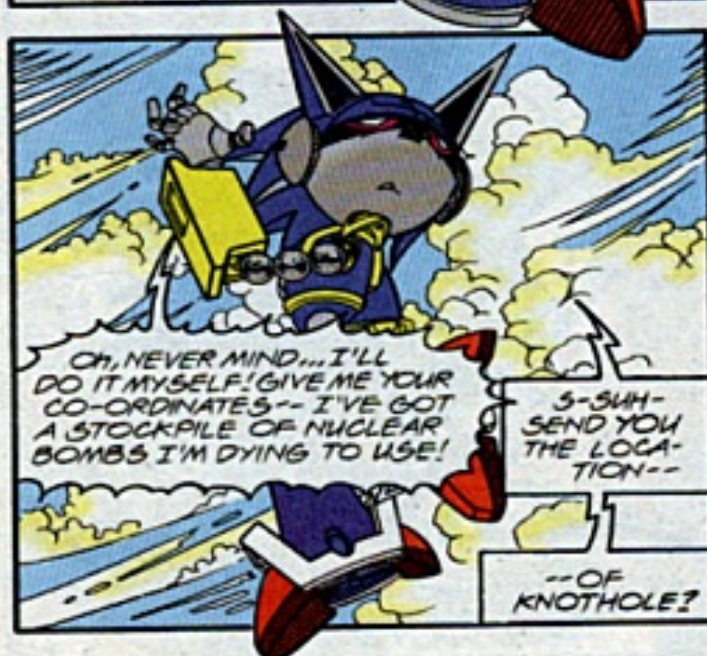
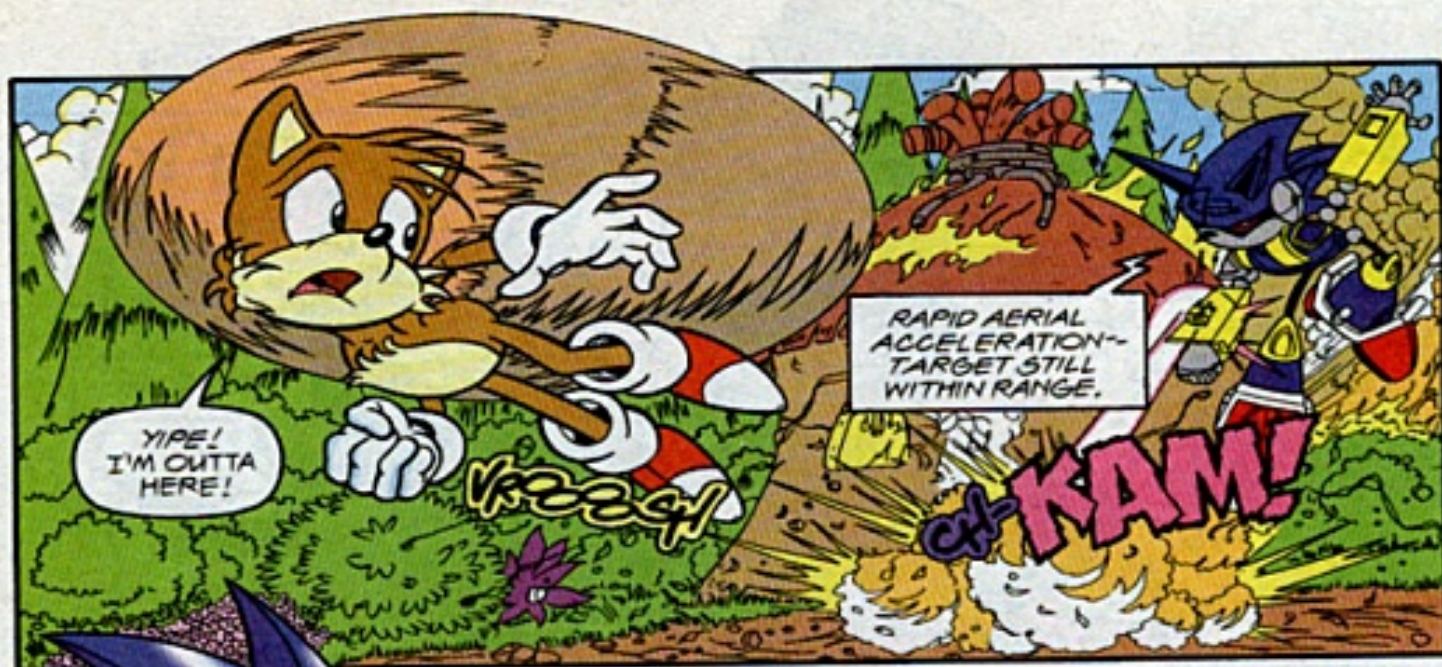
Wh-oh!

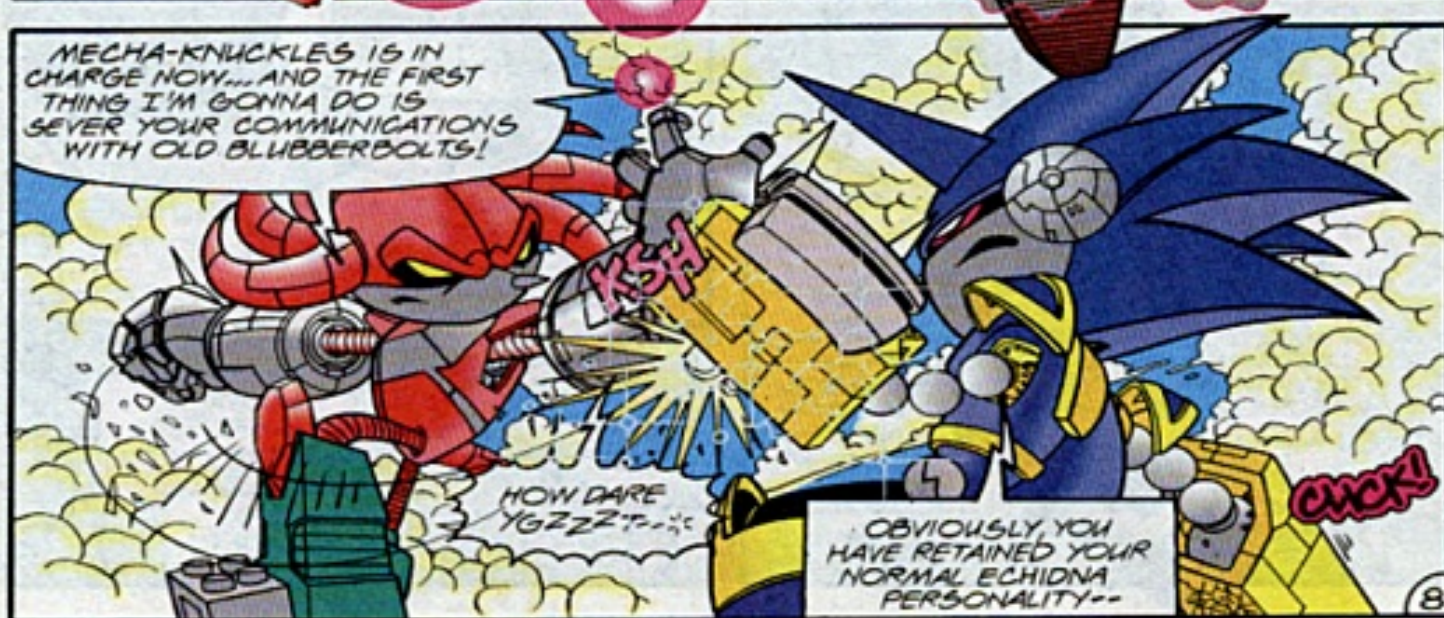
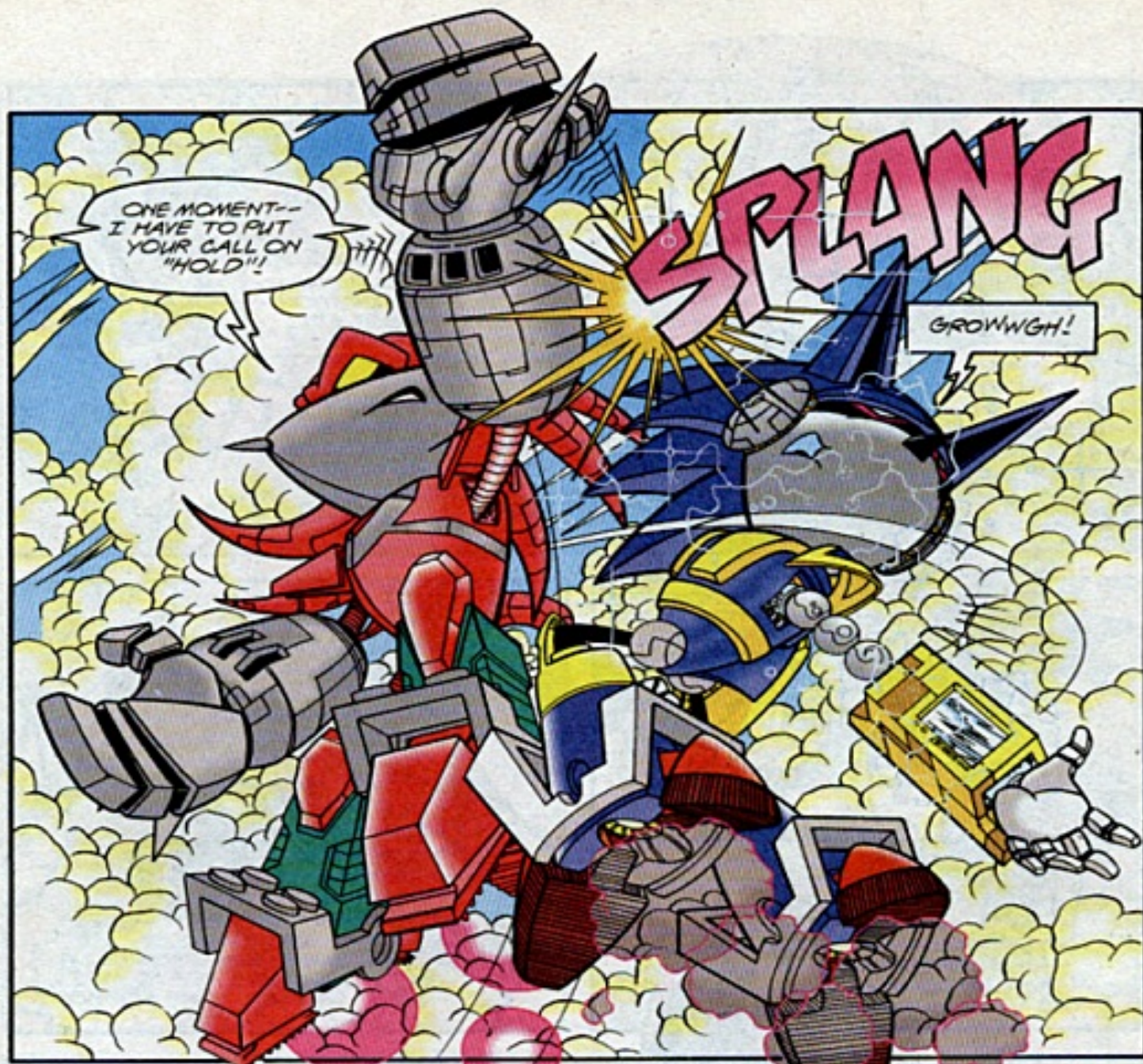
ME!

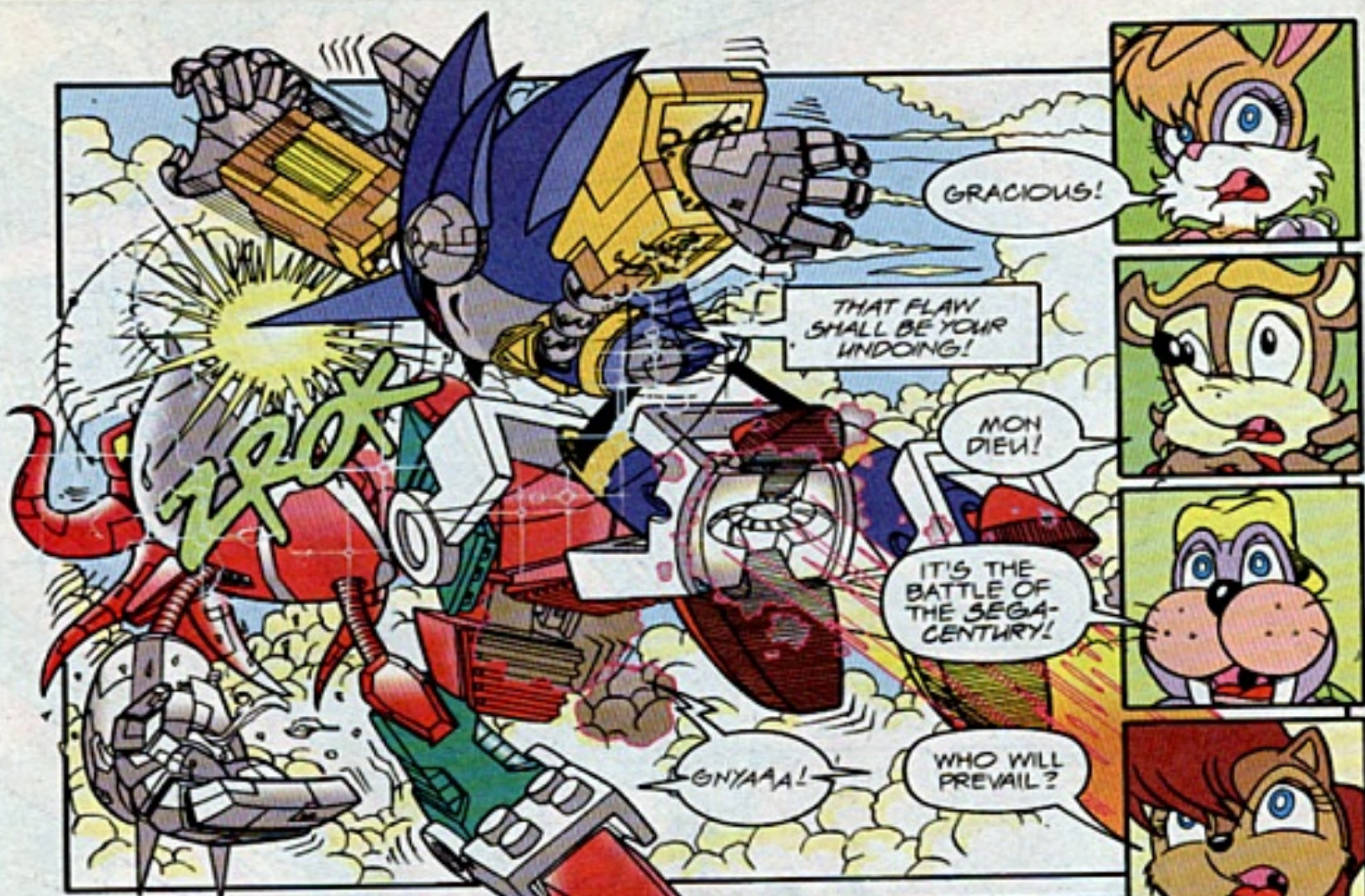
WHOOO... I'VE BEEN SPOTTED!

FREEDOM FIGHTER CODENAME: TAILS!

ELIMINATE!







GRACIOUS!

THAT FLAW
SHALL BE YOUR
UNDOING!

MON
DIEU!

IT'S THE
BATTLE OF
THE SEGA-
CENTURY!

GNAAAA!

WHO WILL
PREVAIL?

THEY'RE VERY EVENLY MATCHED!
THE ONLY THING IN OUR FAVOR
IS THAT MECHA-KNUCKLES
HAS FRESH LEGS!


IN YOUR
FACE!

RIGHT! MECHA-SONIC
HAS ALREADY BATTLED
BUNNIE AND KNUCKLES IN
HIS NORMAL FORM!!!

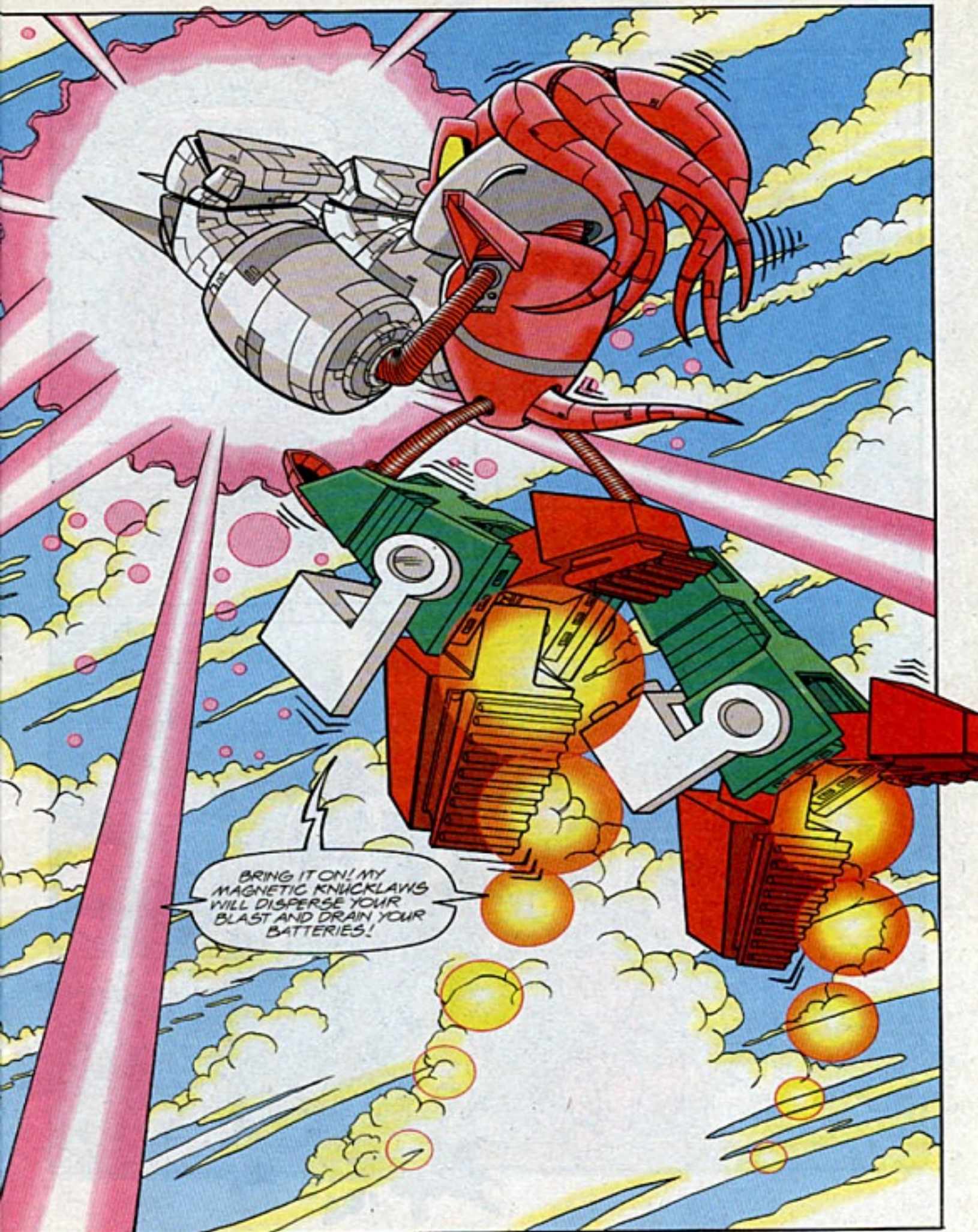
AWP!

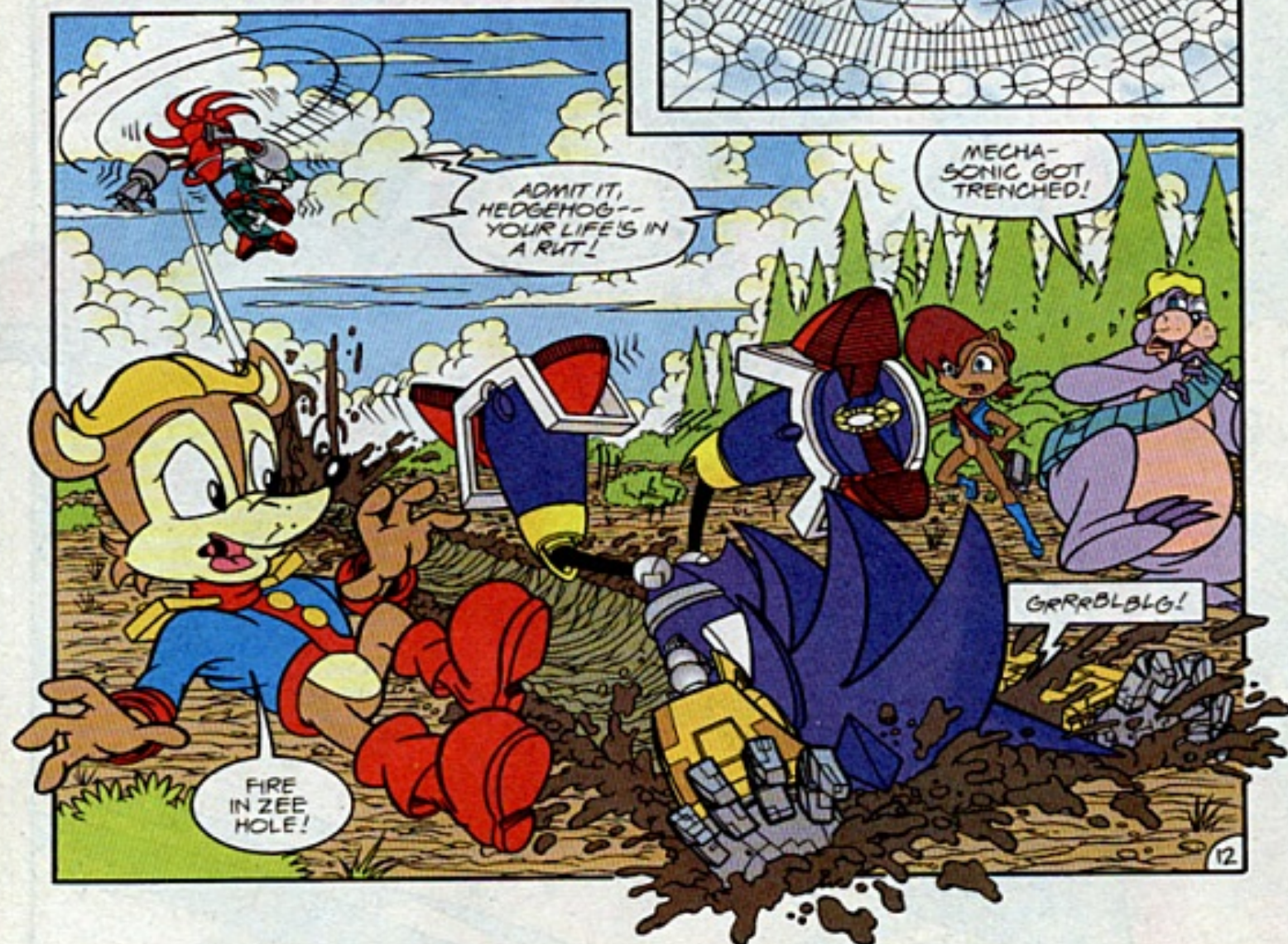
LOOKY YONDER...
TAILS IS COMIN' IN
LOW!

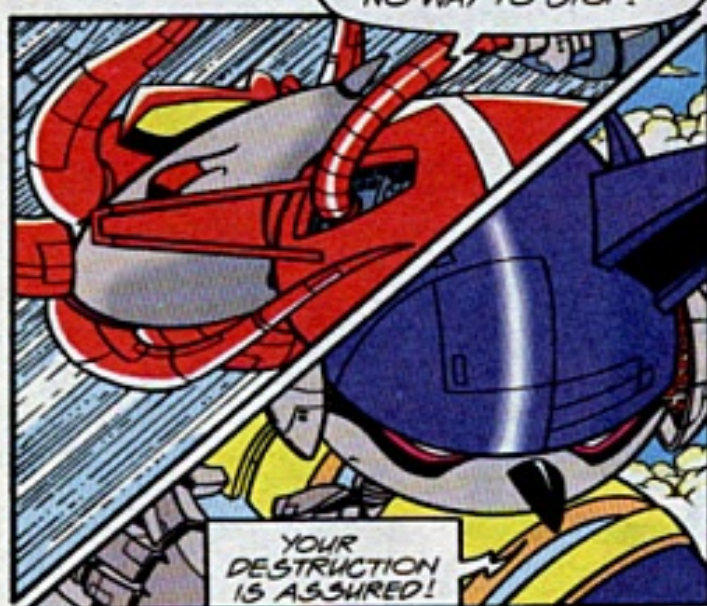
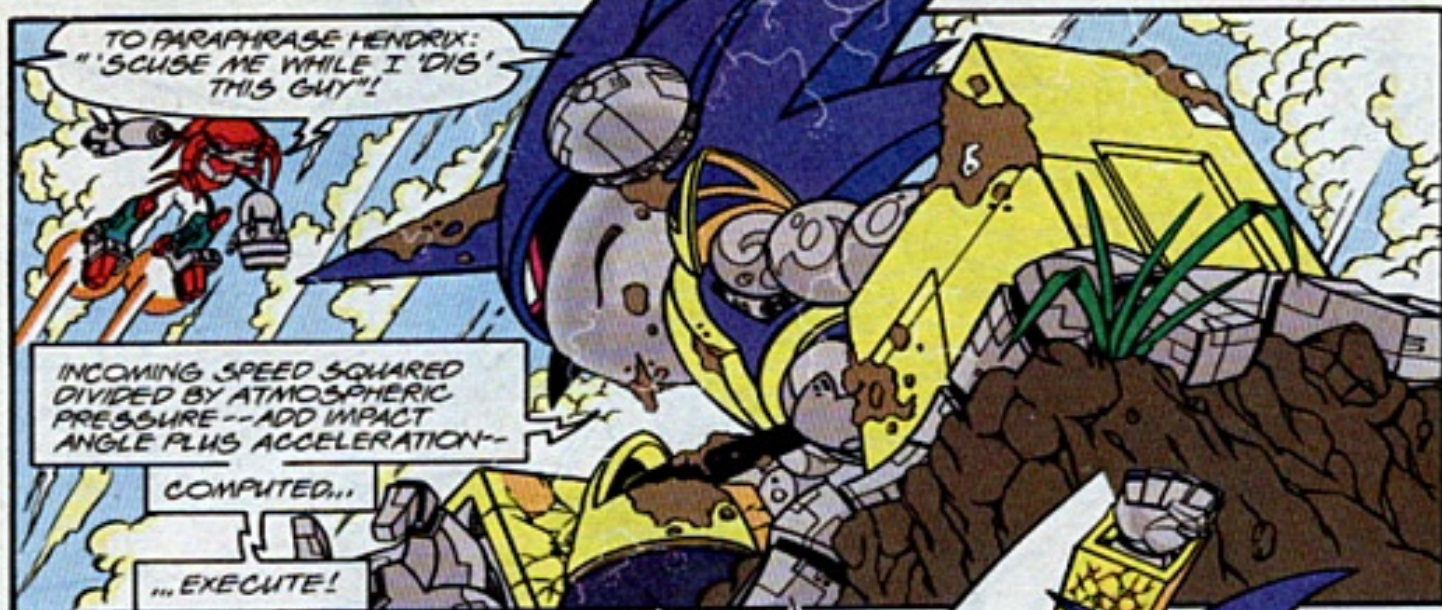
PLUS YOU LET
THE ECHIDNA KEEP
HIS FREE WILL!!!

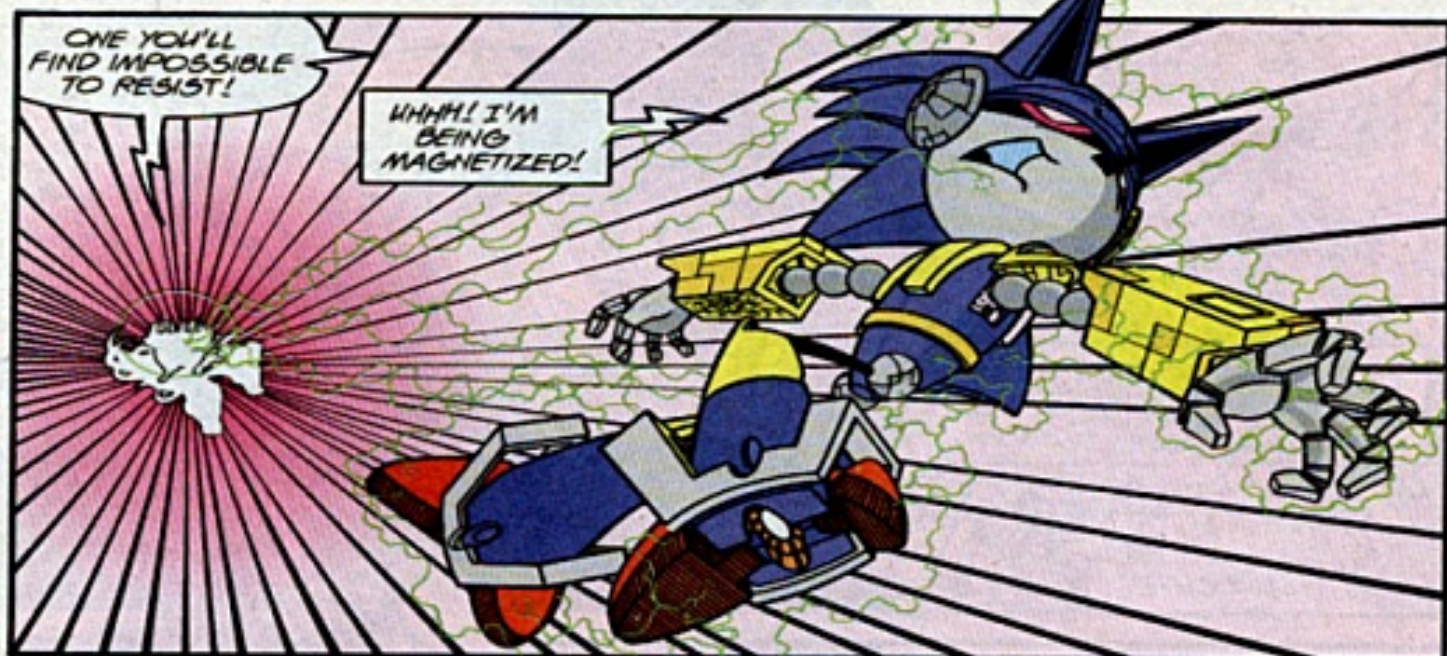


I'LL END THIS
QUICKLY--BY LETTING
YOU HAVE IT WITH
BOTH BARRELS!









SONIC™

THE HEDGEHOG...

MECHA MADNESS

PART 000

...COULDN'T HAVE
SURVIVED THAT BLAST...
EVEN IN HIS MECHANIZED
FORM!

I DOUBT
M'SIEU ECHIDNA
COULD HAVE,
EITHER...

INDEED...
THE ODDS ARE
AGAINST
IT.

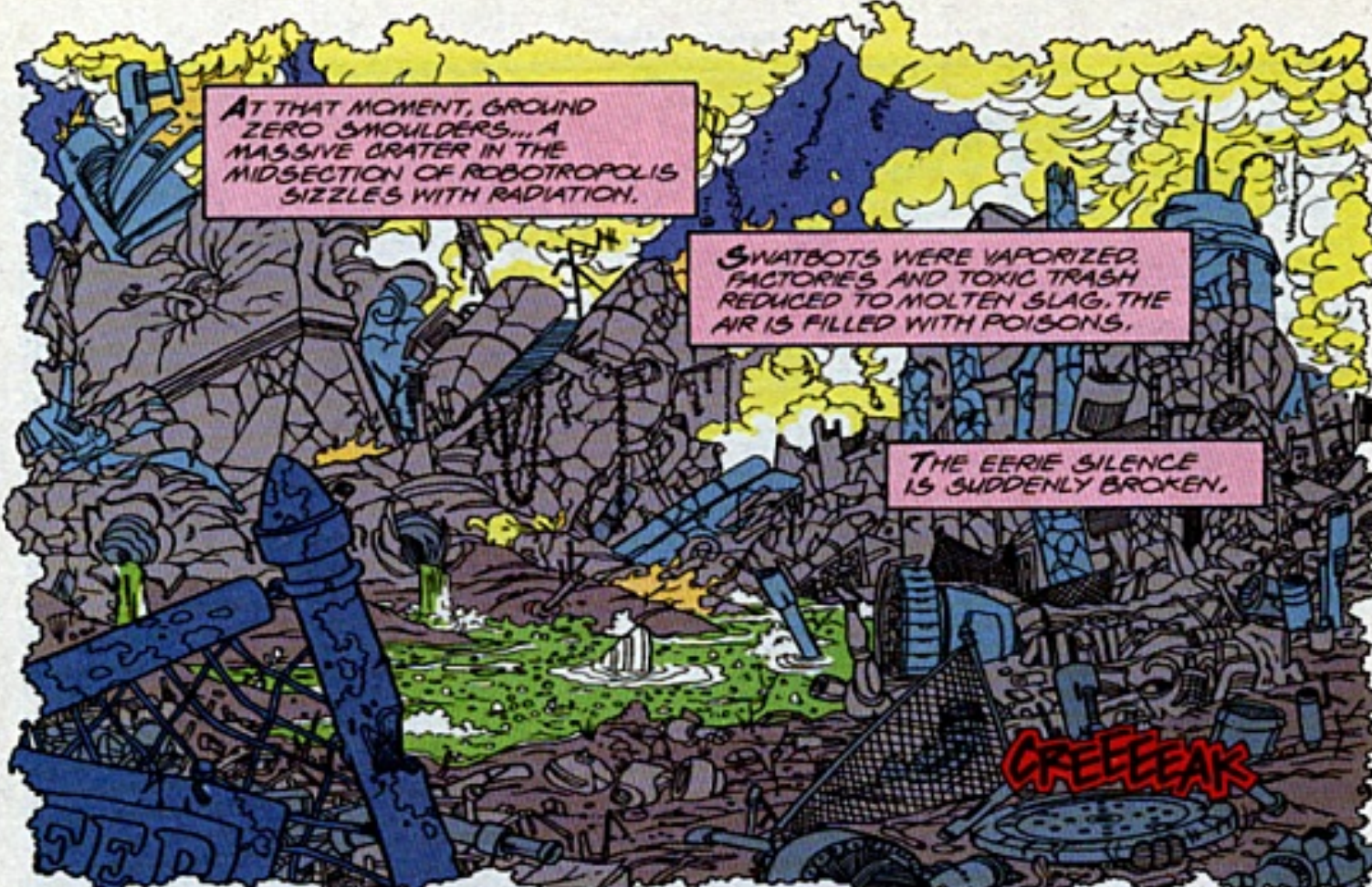
THEN SONIC...
SOB...AND KNUCKLES
...HUCK

CHOKES EXCUSE
ME A MOMENT... I...
SNIFFLES I'VE GOT
FALLOUT IN MY EYE...

GOSH! IT'S
NOT ALWAYS EASY
AT THE TOP...

OUI... UNEASY
'ANGS ZEE
CROWN!

I'D BE UNEASY
IF I WERE AT
GROUND ZERO!



AT THAT MOMENT, GROUND
ZERO SMOULDERS...A
MASSIVE CRATER IN THE
MIDSECTION OF ROBOTROPOLIS
SIZZLES WITH RADIATION.

SWATBOTS WERE VAPORIZED,
FACORIES AND TOXIC TRASH
REDUCED TO MOLTEN SLAG. THE
AIR IS FILLED WITH POISONS.

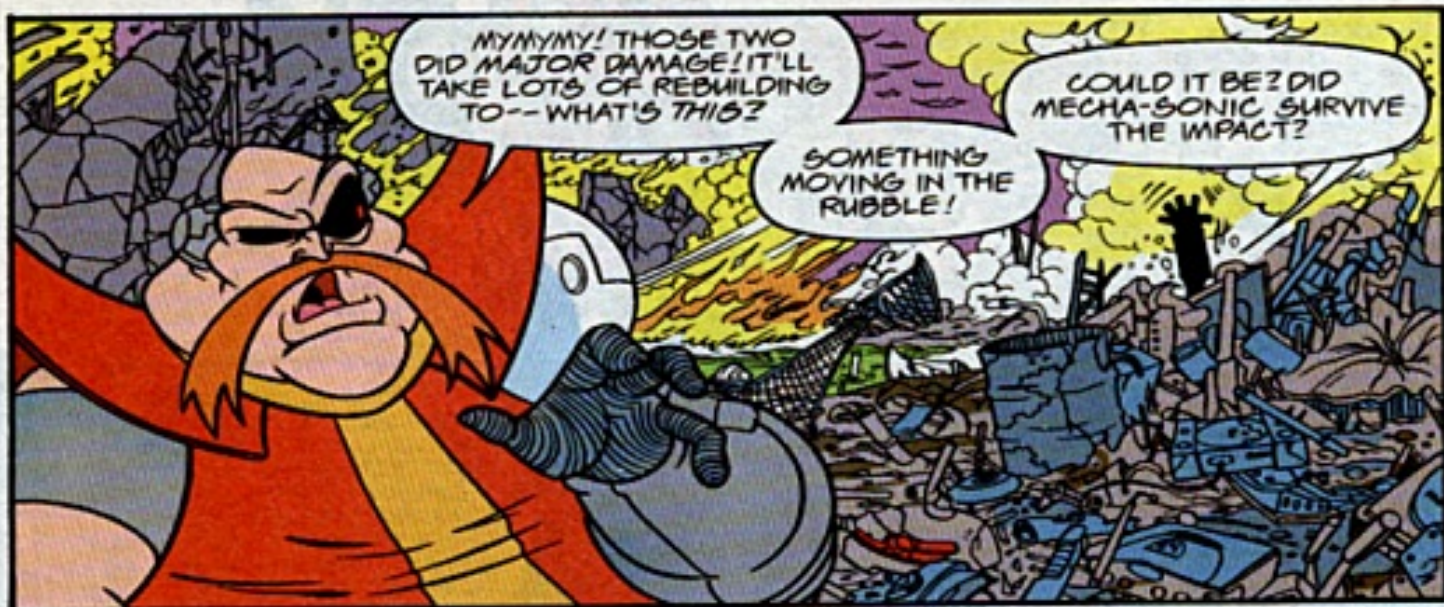
THE EERIE SILENCE
IS SUDDENLY BROKEN.

GREEEAK

K-K-KRUMF

GADZOOKS! THAT'S
THE BIGGEST BACKFIRE
OF MY ILLUSTRIOUS
CAREER!

LUCKY I SAW THE
INCOMING COMBATANTS
AND RETREATED TO
MY SHELTER!



MYMYMY! THOSE TWO DID MAJOR DAMAGE! IT'LL TAKE LOTS OF REBUILDING TO-- WHAT'S THIS?

COULD IT BE? DID MECHA-SONIC SURVIVE THE IMPACT?

SOMETHING MOVING IN THE RUBBLE!



YES! HE'S BADLY DAMAGED, BUT REPAIRABLE!

VZZZKT!

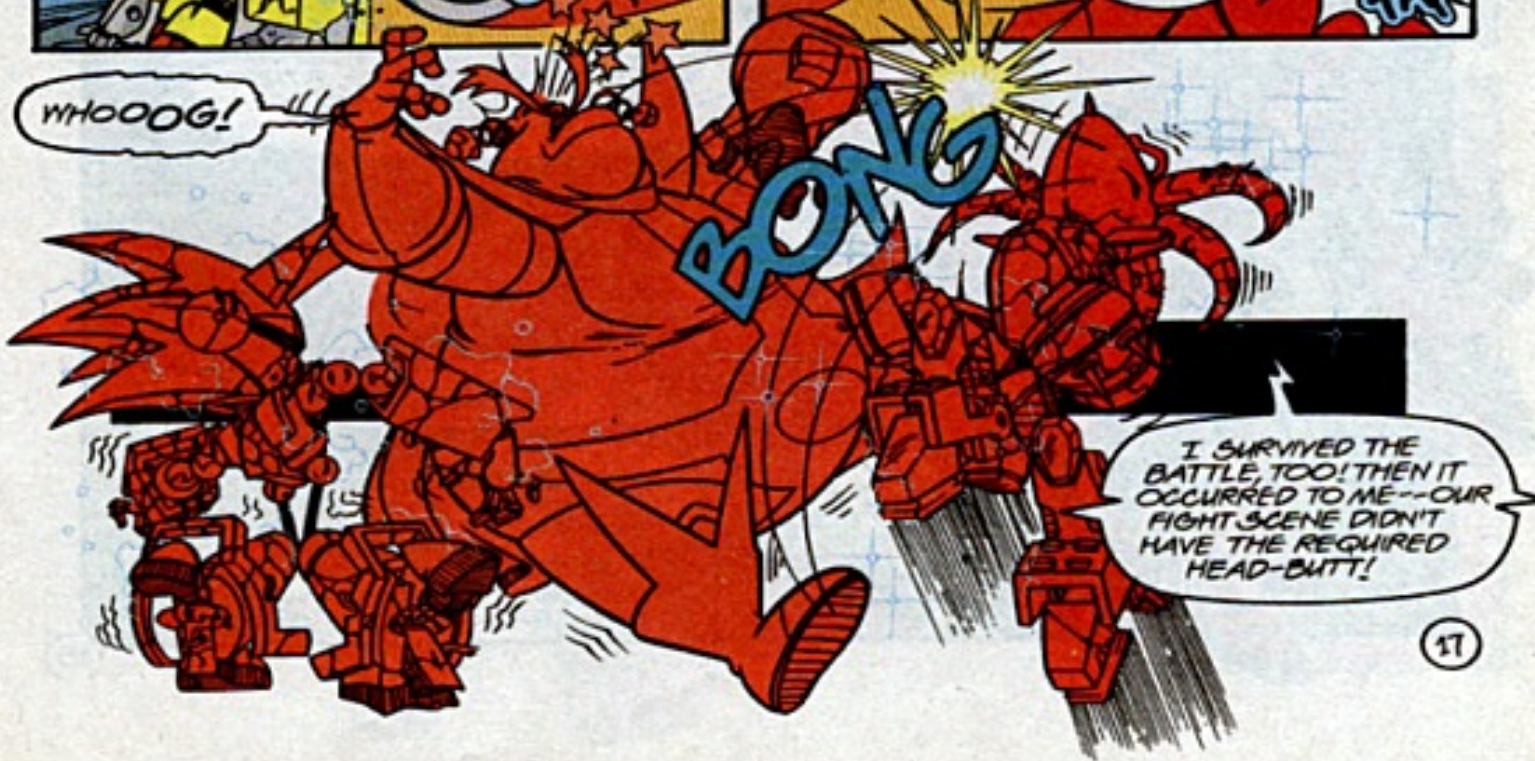


CHUCKLE: CAN I BUILD A 'BOT OR WHAT?!

AWKK..

GUESS WHAT?

TAP TAP



WHOOOG!

BONG

I SURVIVED THE BATTLE, TOO! THEN IT OCCURRED TO ME--OUR FIGHT SCENE DIDN'T HAVE THE REQUIRED HEAD-BUTT!

≡GURGLE≡B-BUT
HOW'D YOU COME
THROUGH THE
BLAST WITH LESS
DAMAGE?

LET'S JUST
SAY YOU DON'T
BUILD 'EM LIKE
YOU USED TO,
TUBBY...

BLURG...

I WAS ROBOTICIZED
BY ONE OF YOUR OLD
UNITS... BUILT BEFORE YOU
STARTED USING INFERIOR
FOREIGN PARTS... NOT ONLY
THAT, BUT MECHA-SONIC
UNSELFISHLY TURNED HIM-
SELF IN FRONT OF ME AS
WE HIT, TAKING THE FULL
BRUNT!

SO MUCH FOR YOUR
"BRAIN-BURN-THROUGH" SYS-
TEM! SOMEHOW, SONIC
RETAINED A BIT OF
HIMSELF!

LIGHTS
OUT,
FATTY!

≡BZZT≡ I WISH I WAS AS
CONFIDENT AS I'M TRYING TO
SOUND... THE NUCLEAR FIRESTORM
WAS NO PICNIC FOR ME, EITHER!
≡KZZRPT≡ BUT MECHA-SONIC
IS CRITICAL!

MALFUNCTION...
TION...

HOLY ABALONE!
IT'S THEM! CALL
SALLY!

PRINCESS, COME
BACK--LOOK!

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG...

...IS ALIVE? OR
AT LEAST MECHA-
SONIC IS? OH,
KNUCKLES, YOU
DID IT!

MAYBE, SAL OLD
GAL... YOUR BOYFRIENDS
IN BAD SHAPE!

MECHA MADNESS

PART IV

I'LL
GAY!

HMF!

ZZZZZZT!
CLICK!

PSSH

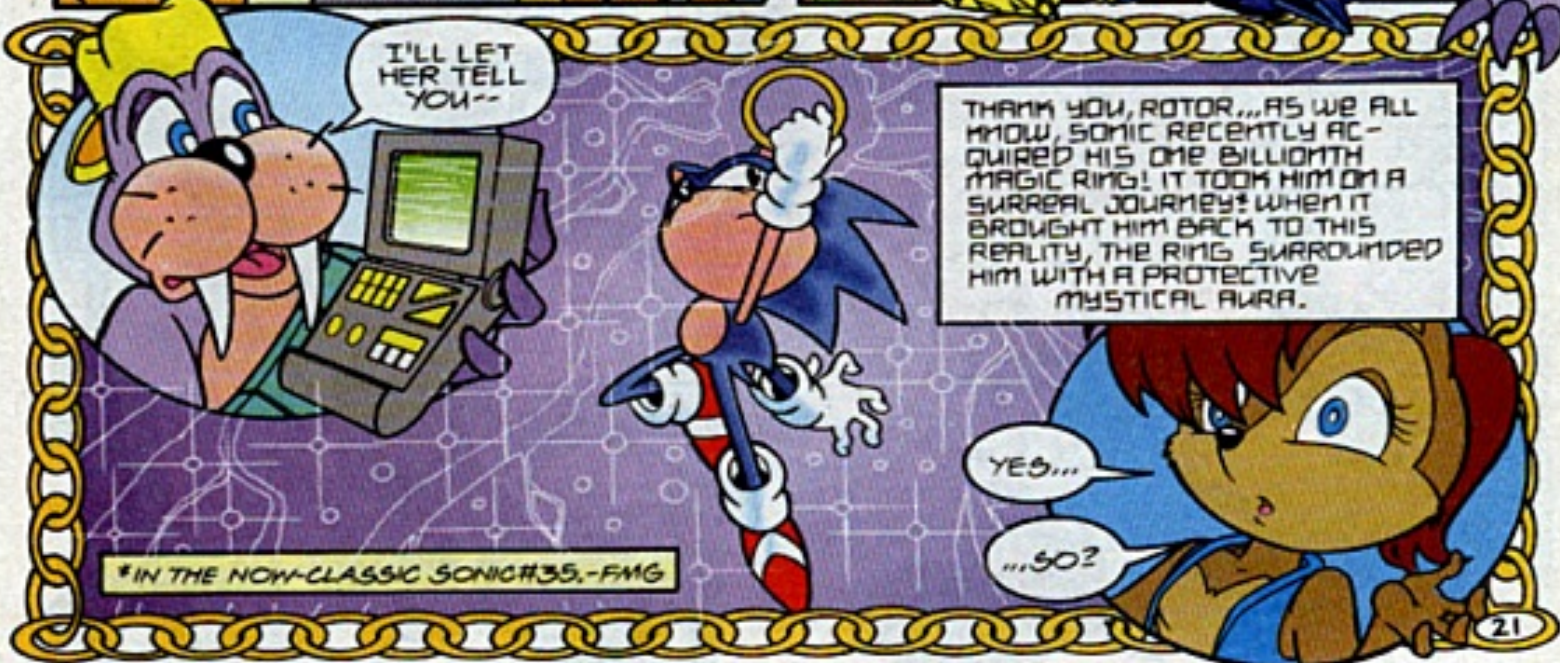
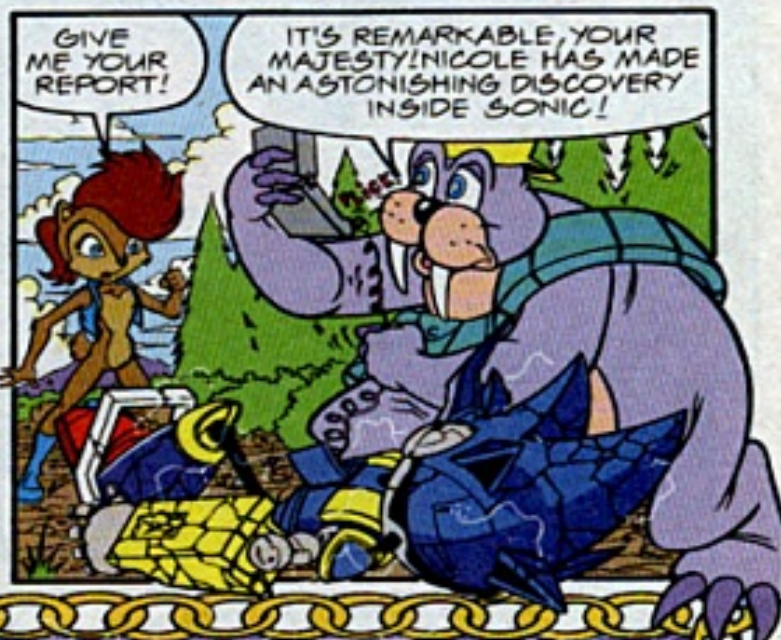
C'MERE, YOU
GREAT BIG HUNK
OF ECHIDNA...

OOF! EASY
KID... I'M
DAMAGED
GOODS, TOO!

CLIK

CONFIRMED...
MECHA-KNUCKLES'
TOLERANCE LEVELS
BEYOND MAXIMUM.
DANGER OF
BURNOUT.







UNKNOWN TO US, IT ALSO
CREATED AN INTERNAL SHIELD!
ALTHOUGH THIS AURA DIDN'T
PREVENT MECHANIZATION, IT
DID ABSORB AND RETAIN
SONIC'S "LIFE FORCE".

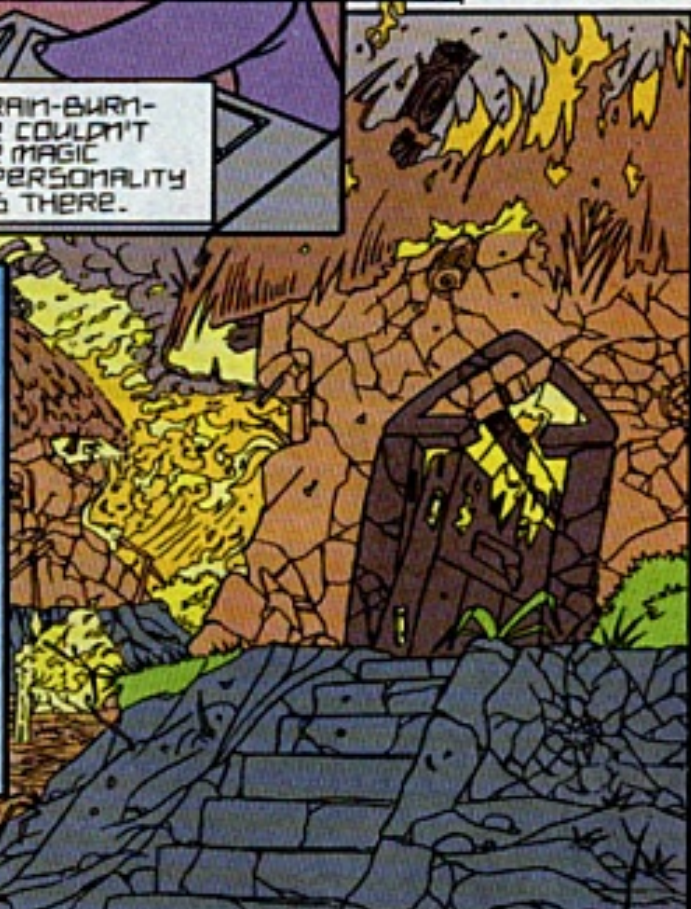
ROBOTNIK'S "BRAIN-BURN-
THROUGH" DEVICE COULDN'T
PENETRATE THE MAGIC
FIELD. SONIC'S PERSONALITY
STILL RESIDES THERE.



WONDERFUL!
LET'S RETRIEVE
IT A.S.A.P!

ERR...WELL--
HMM--OVER TO
YOU, ROTOR!

OH,
THANKS
A LOT!



AHEM...SALLY, NORMALLY I'D HOOK
UP MECHA-SONIC TO MY LAB FULL OF
EQUIPMENT AND TRY TO BRING HIM
BACK...BUT IT'S TOAST ALONG WITH
THE REST OF KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!

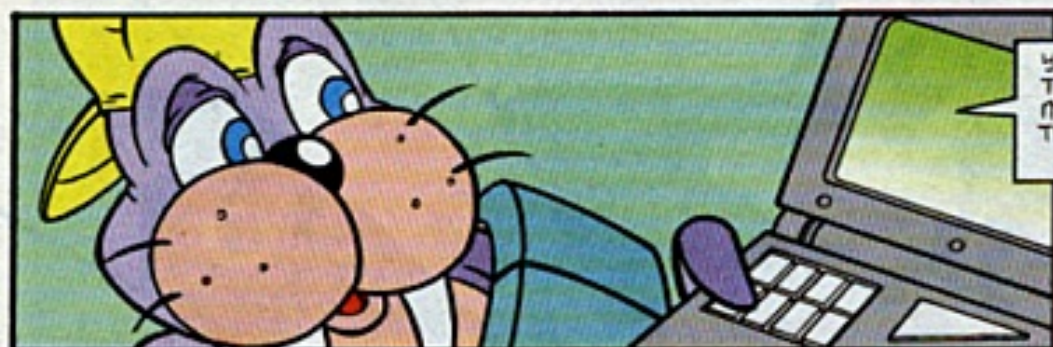
OH, DEAR...
MAYBE WE CAN
SALVAGE SOME
COMPONENTS?



I'M AFRAID HE DOESN'T
HAVE THAT MUCH TIME,
PRINCESS. :choke:

:Sniff:

IN:VRAP:DEED...
I'M LATE FOR MY
:KZZT: EXPIRATION
DATE...



YOUR HIGHNESS, I HAVE THE DATA... PLUG ME INTO MECHA-SOONIE AND I'LL TRY TO INSTIGATE THE RETRO-PROCEDURE!

CAN SHE DO THAT, ROTOR?



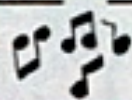
I DOUBT IT, SALLY... THE REQUIRED ENERGY WOULD--

HEY!
OW!

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, PRINCESS... CATCH ME!

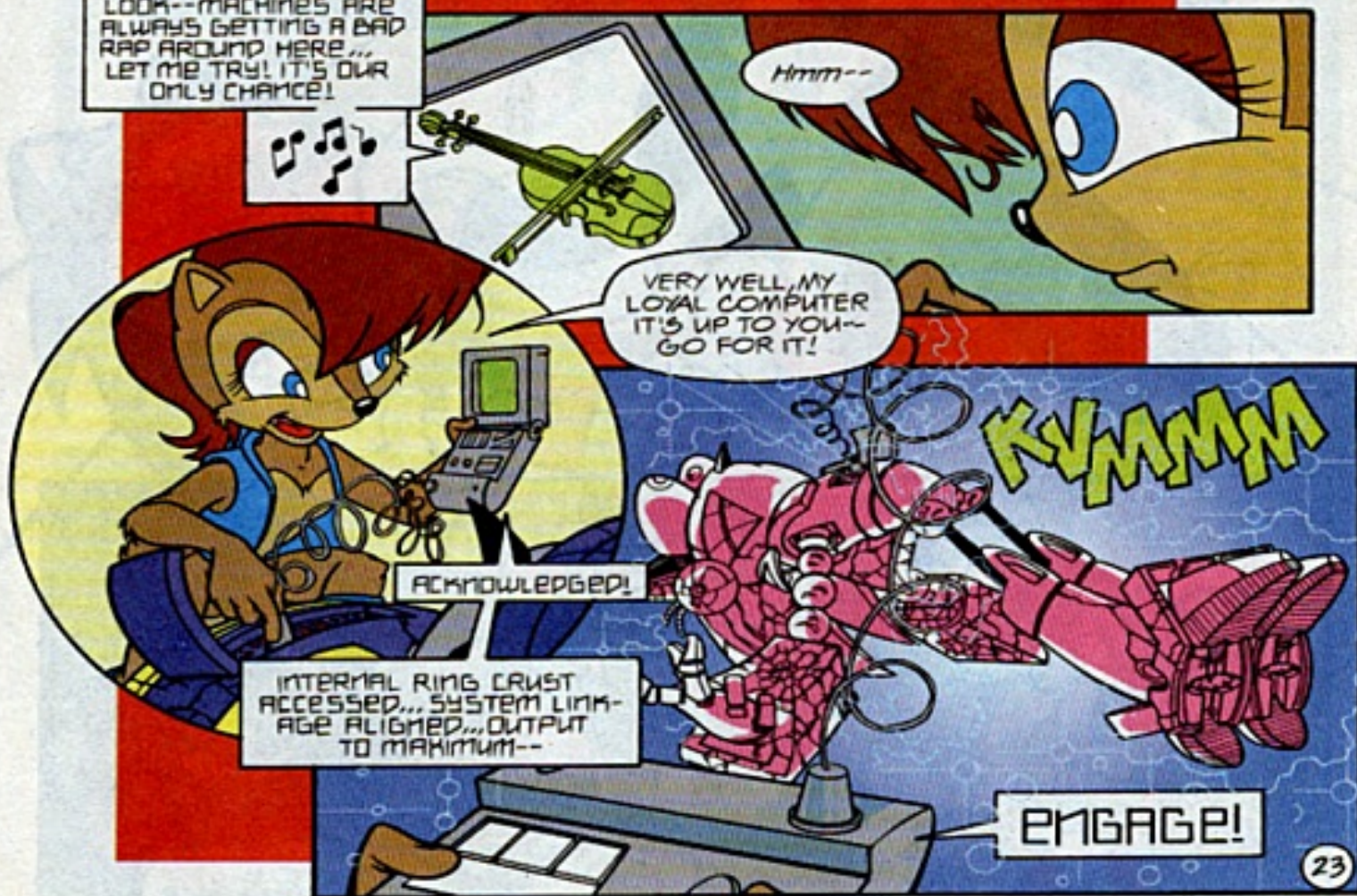
NICOLE?

LOOK--MACHINES ARE ALWAYS GETTING A BAD RAP AROUND HERE... LET ME TRY! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!



Hmm--

VERY WELL, MY LOYAL COMPUTER IT'S UP TO YOU-- GO FOR IT!



ACKNOWLEDGED!

INTERNAL RING CRUST
ACCESSED... SYSTEM LINK-
AGE ALIGNED... OUTPUT
TO MAXIMUM--

ENGAGE!

AT FIRST, NOTHING
SEEMED TO BE
HAPPENING...

...THEN ALL AT ONCE,
RAW MAGIC ENERGY
RIPPLES OUTWARD,
OVERRIDING REALITY...

...RESTORING THE
TRUE SPIRITUAL AND
PHYSICAL ESSENCE
OF SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG!

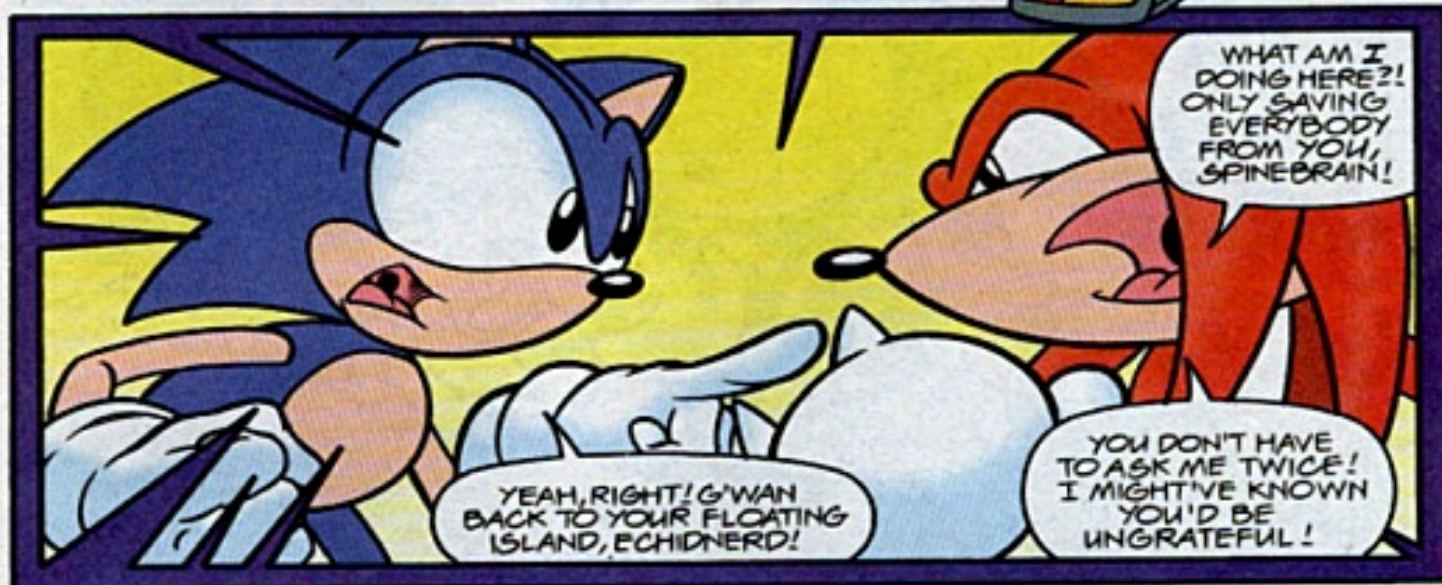
IT WORKED!
I CAN'T BELIEVE
IT... YOU'RE ALL
RIGHT!

I WILL BE
AFTER THIS MI-
GRAINE HEADACHE
LETS UP!

WHOO!

NICE
JOB,
NICOLE!

WELL, WELL...
LOOK WHO'S BACK
AND BLUE!



NICE GOING, HOT-HEAD! AFTER KNUX SAVED ALL OUR BUTTS!

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? LAST THING I REMEMBER IS BEING ROBOTICIZED!!!

KINGDOM OF ACORN RULEBOOK-- SECTION L, PARAGRAPH 73... NICOLE?

HANDCUFFS? WHAT'S THIS-- SOME KIND OF JOKE?

AU CONTRAIRE, SONIC, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!

'TWANZ

CH-CH-CHANK

"ANY SUBJECT DISOBEYING A DIRECT ORDER MUST BE TRIED FOR TREASON!"

~Gulp~

AND SONIC DID THAT WHEN HE ALLOWED ROBOTNIK TO MECHANIZE HIM!

NO! THAT'S NOT HOW IT HAPPENED!

SAVE IT FOR COURT SONIC!

~Gasp~ SALLY!

I'M AFRAID ANTOINE IS RIGHT... THE LAW IS CLEAR... TAKE THE TRAITOR IN!

THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!

YOU'RE ALL NUTS! I'VE BEEN FRAMED!

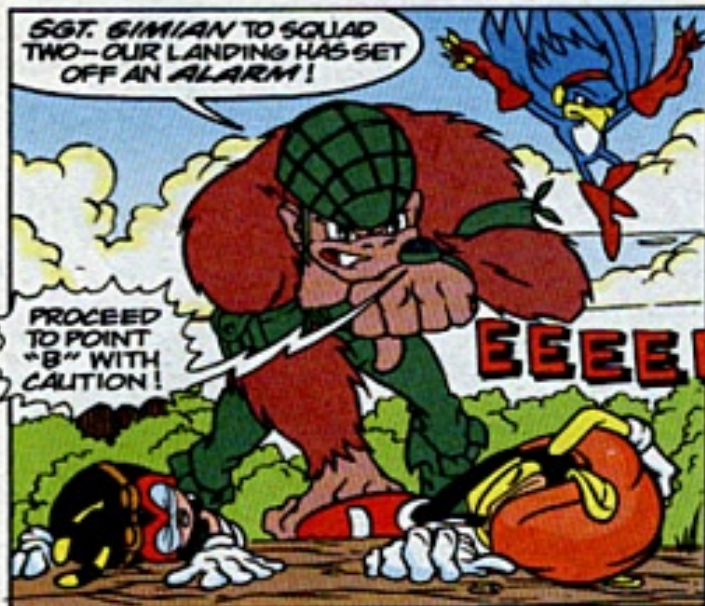
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT...

THE END of
MECHA-SONIC
BUT, STAY TUNED FOR
SONIC #40
~ featuring ~
THE COURT-MARTIAL OF
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG

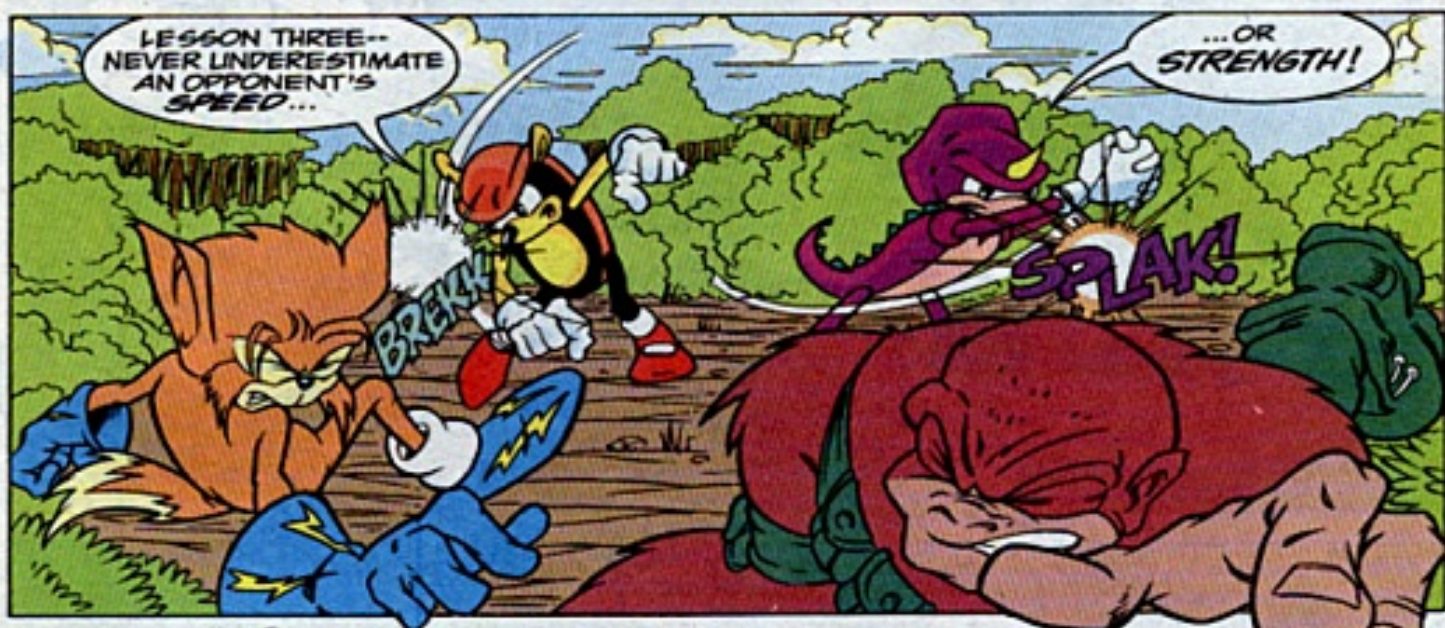
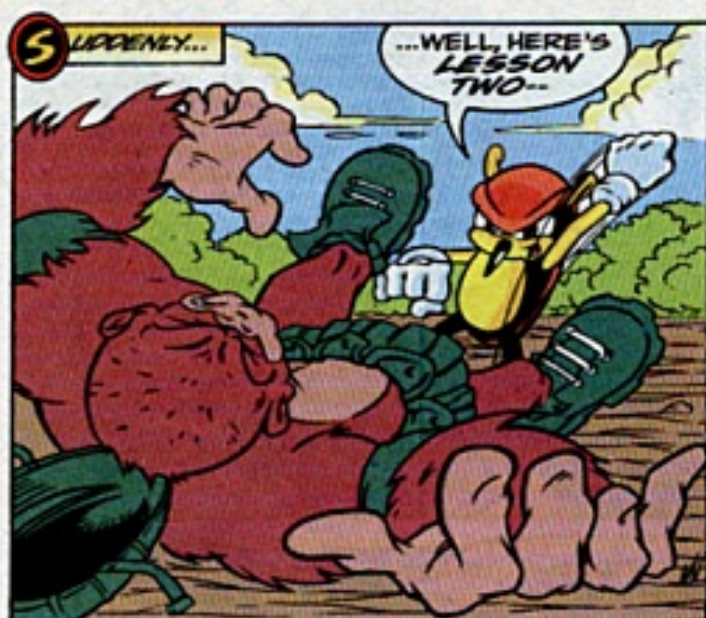
Robotnik Rules!







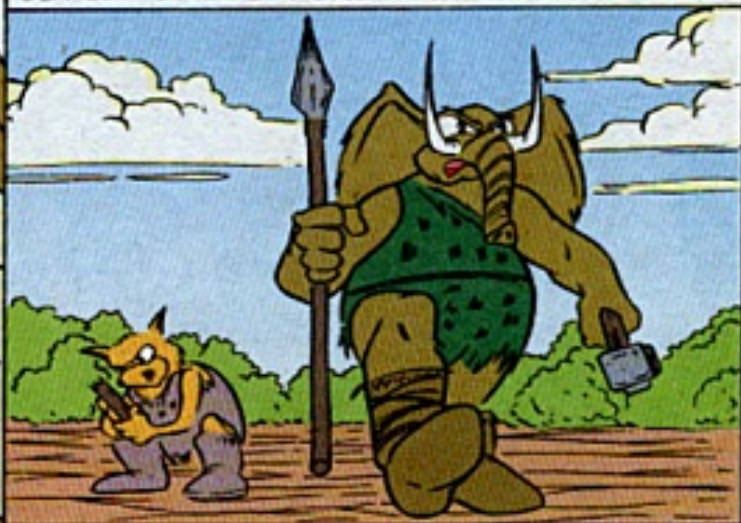






...AND ITS FUTURE LORD AND MASTER... I AM THE SUPREME BEING KNOWN AS... MAMMOTH MOGUL!

"I WAS BORN ON MOBILUS EONS AGO... LONG AFTER THE BIRTH OF THE ANCIENT WALKERS, BUT CENTURIES BEFORE MOST MODERN RACES..."

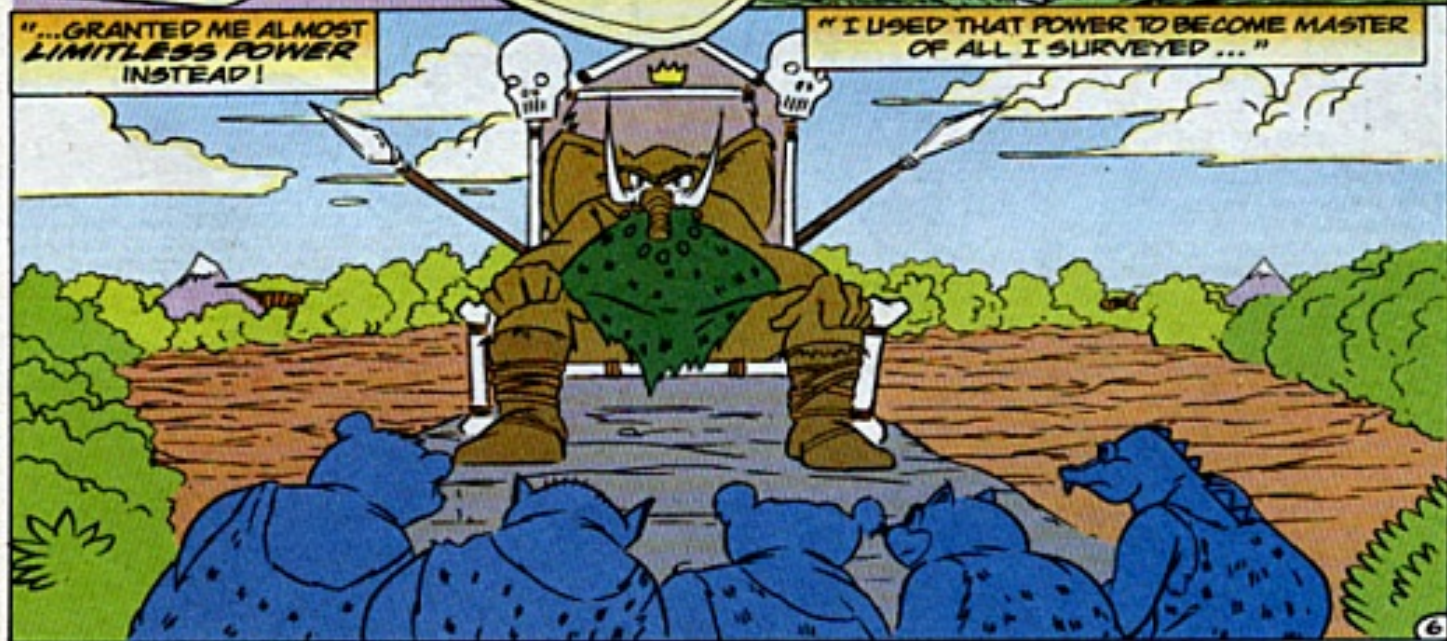


"LIFE THEN WAS FRAUGHT WITH MYSTERY AND DANGER... AND A BOLT OF ENERGY FROM AN UNKNOWN JEWEL WHICH SHOULD HAVE CAUSED DEATH..."



"...GRANTED ME ALMOST LIMITLESS POWER INSTEAD!"

"I USED THAT POWER TO BECOME MASTER OF ALL I SURVEYED..."



"... BUT OVER THE MILLENNIA THE RACES EVOLVED, GAINING STRENGTH AND INDEPENDENCE... THEY REVOLTED, AND I WAS DETHRONED!"



"YES, I DID SAY MILLENNIA! THAT UNKNOWN JEWEL'S ENERGY HAD GRANTED ME POWER AND IMMORTALITY!"



"AND OVER TIME, I DISCOVERED THAT THE JEWEL WAS THE MOST POTENT FORM OF ENERGY IN THE UNIVERSE. YES... A CHAOS EMERALD!"



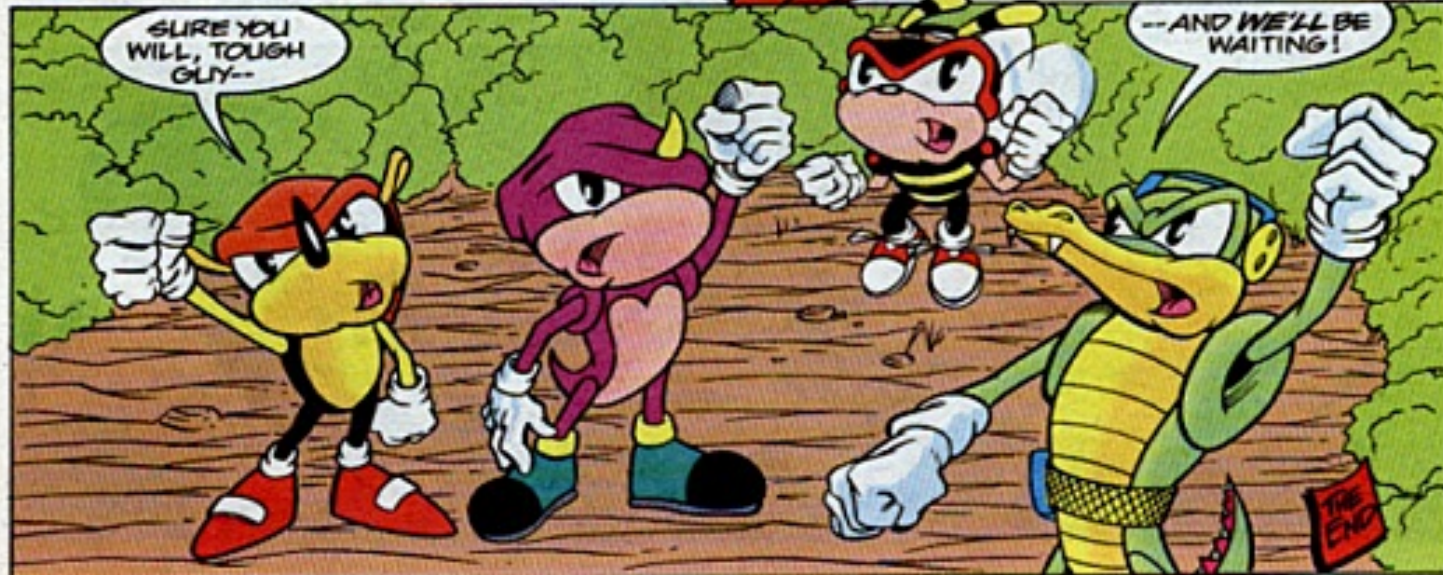
"...AND AS YOU CAN SEE, I HAVE A CERTAIN AFFINITY FOR THEM!"



NOW, AFTER EONS OF WAITING, MY TIME HAS COME-- I WILL INCREASE MY POWER A THOUSAND-FOLD... BY TAKING THE FLOATING ISLAND'S CHAOS EMERALD!



THEN I WILL OUST ROBOTNIK AND REGAIN MY POSITION AS MOEBIUS' RIGHTFUL RULER!



THE END

